



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

*National Marine Fisheries Service*

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October 12, 2005

William C. Noll, Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Commerce,  
Community, and Economic Development  
P.O. Box 110800  
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Re: Approval of a Settlement Agreement Establishing Percentage Allocations for Eastern Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab and Adak Red King Crab under the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program

Dear Commissioner Noll:

We received your letter dated October 11, 2005, submitting a settlement agreement signed by the State of Alaska and representatives of the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA), the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC), the Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (CBSFA), the Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF), the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDCC), and the Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association (YDFDA). This settlement agreement addresses the 2005 percentage allocations for Eastern Aleutian Islands (EAI) golden king crab and Adak red king crab among the six CDQ groups.

I have reviewed the settlement agreement and find that it meets the requirements of the settlement procedures for the initial administrative determination about the 2005 crab CDQ allocations that was issued by NMFS on September 19, 2005. Therefore, I approve the following percentage allocations that were established in the settlement agreement for EAI golden king crab and Adak red king crab for the 2005 crab fishing year (July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006):

<b>CDQ Group</b>	<b>EAI Golden King Crab</b>	<b>Adak Red King Crab</b>
APICDA	8%	8%
BBEDC	18%	18%
CBSFA	21%	21%
CVRF	18%	18%
NSEDCC	21%	21%
YDFDA	14%	14%



Approval of this settlement agreement constitutes final agency action by NMFS on the 2005 percentage allocations of EAI golden king crab and Adak red king crab among the six CDQ groups. These percentage allocations are effective as of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Mecum", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert D. Mecum  
Acting Administrator, Alaska Region

cc: CDQ groups  
NMFS Office of Administrative Appeals  
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